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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit *B Special Service Sqn AAE.*

Acting/Commanding Officer *Capt. J. V. O'Brien*

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Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<i>6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Exercise [CHARCOLE] L8. Cooperating with L9 Inf Bde. One troop of tanks (1 Cruiser &amp; 2 Light) took part acting as enemy fighting delaying actions during battle on 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup>. Cruiser burnt out during a.m. of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Light tanks carried on to end of battle.</i>	
<i>21</i>		<i>Exercise DUMFRIES Cooperating with 1<sup>st</sup> Guard Bde. Two Sqn Tank force reduced to nine vehicles before start of Exercise. Tanks took little part in the attack.</i>	
<i>23</i>		<i>Firing of L.R.G.s at Newby Main range by Tank Gunnery.</i>	
<i>25</i>		<i>Exercise DAREY Cooperating with 1<sup>st</sup> Guard Bde. One troop tanks and D Echelon took part. One Tank reached objective remained out of action. B Echelon on vehicle casually through burning radiator. Echelon brigaded under B.T.O. Petrol</i>	



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Unit B Special Service Sqn RAE

Commanding Officer

Capt. J. V. O'Leary.

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
27		<p> <i>being only sent forward for refuelling</i>  <i>1 Officer &amp; twelve Other Ranks rejoined squadron</i>  <i>from detachment overseas.</i> </p>	



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Unit B Special Service Bn RAE

Commanding Officer Capt. J. V. Rafter

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
4		Exercise BEATH cooperating with 36 Ind Inf Bde on Troop of Light Tanks operated. Defences depended on demolitions which almost without exception failed. Tanks pushed well ahead with little opposition. Exercise halted for one hour to allow enemy to reorganise. Enemy not ready when attack was resumed. Exercise cancelled through the weather, it was snowing heavily, and the speed of the advance again disorganised enemy. <i>I Capt</i>	Appendix not att
11	4	Hand grenade practice by the remainder of tank companies and gunners. <i>I Capt</i>	
	5	B Echelon exercise. Practice in harbouring and the defence of a harbour and supplying the fighting Echelon in the field. <i>I Capt</i>	Appendix A
11	11	Signal exercise. Practising Sqn leaders controlling the Sqn in L/T & R/T cars used to represent Troops. <i>I Capt</i>	



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Commanding Officer *Capt. J. V. Blythe*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118.  
Unit *B Special Service Sqn R.A.P.*

Commanding Officer *Capt. J. V. Blafut*

Month and Year *April 1942*

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<i>8</i>		<i>Mail Party move to new location</i>	
<i>9</i>		<i>Phone Party move to new location</i>	
<i>17</i>		<i>Headquarters and transport rifle firing and gas practice on ranges</i>	
<i>23</i>		<i>Troop exercise refreshing elementary training practice in control and visual signalling</i>	
<i>26</i>		<i>Exercise with Home Guard practicing the use to which tanks could be put in the attack and defence of a village. Defending tank well used by Home Guard as cover for withdrawing out lying pickets. Attacker showed little imagination</i>	
<i>29</i>		<i>Troop exercise practicing troop sergeants in command of a troop in simple manoeuvres</i>	
<i>30</i>		<i>Sqn Signal exercise practicing Sqn leaders in command. Troop leaders acted as umpires as well as troop leaders painting their own pictures. Winter work well</i>	



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Unit *B Special Service Sqn R.A.P.*

Commanding Officer *Capt. J. V. Blaydes*

Month and Year *May 1942*

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>One troop exercise with Home Guard, cooperating with a strong platoon, advance across moor to attack Anthracite Tanks badly caught in Ambush, by defense, in a wood. Cooperating H.G. refusing to clear wood for Tanks. They were wrong and lost all their tanks as a result.</i>	
<i>id</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Transport personal rifle firing on ranges, some very bad and have little idea of handling a rifle.</i>	
<i>nd</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Troop attacking on a village approaching behind moor and chasing houses without infantry support. Handgrenades thrown through windows. Quite a successful day but a lot of moor is needed.</i>	
<i>nd</i>	<i>13/14</i>	<i>B. Echelon harbour exercise, road discipline and harbour discipline good but harbour far too scattered and difficult to defend.</i>	



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Unit: B Special Service Sq RAP

Commanding Officer. *Capt. J. V. Blagden*

Month and Year..... May 1962

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
20		Transport personnel rifle firing on ranges. Some improvement new practice in handling helped but a lot more needed.	
20 + 21		Tank crews fired elementary Boxer practice and high shot practice for kpts firing good on the average but handling of stoppage poor	
26		Visit of B.G.S.	
27		Squadron was training film "Shot of Kin"	



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Unit *B Special Service Sqn R.A.P.*

Commanding Officer *Capt. J. V. Hafuku*

Month and Year *JUNE 1942*

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<i>8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Platoon attached to Battle school for training and demonstrations. Ambushing and attacking A.F.V.s from slit trenches practised attacking A.F.V.s in Harbour.</i>	
<i>14<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Squadron having practising clearing pockets of resistance in woods - successfully carried out but drivers still go for logs. Movement by road - good to/r. worked well. Harboursing - personnel still tend to picnic, surprise attack of harbour by Horn Guard ought to have taught a lesson. Recovery - good lack of tools &amp; equipment made repairs of tracks slow.</i>	
<i>29<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Troop exercises attacking a village using smoke &amp; H.E. after two attempts well done.</i>	



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Unit *B. Special Service Sqn R.A.C.* Army Form C.2118.

Acting / Commanding Officer *Capt. J. V. Alpin*

Month and Year *July 1942*

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<i>8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Bde Service Sqn not called out till 9<sup>th</sup>. Went into harbour in S.R.W.K. area who defended perimeter - Persecuted Island much better. Used next afternoon to attack a village with Infantry, attack successful on tank knocked out by mine. All tanks were road bound by crops. A second attack on the bridge heads was called off and Service cancelled.</i>	
<i>16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Troop battle practice - Each troop had three runs at first training was to fire movement and tactics being forgotten. B. Echelon examined each troop harbouring out and being supplied from billets.</i>	



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Unit. B' Special Service Lgt. H&P

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Commanding Officer *Capt J. B. Raynes*

Month and Year..... July 1962

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
20 <sup>th</sup>		Defense of a village. Tanks covering approaches well sited, attacking force would have suffered heavy casualties on water. Transport personnel with rifles defuncted the primitives, commonly fighting tools placed	